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General Counsel's Office
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 5031

Dear Counsel:

We represent Robert O. Muller and Solange MacArthur in connection with the above-referenced matter, and hereby respond on their behalf to the Commission's letter dated June 22, 2000.

The complaint alleges, "based on information and belief" that Mr. Muller and Ms. MacArthur made contributions exceeding the contribution limits set forth in the Federal Election Campaign Act by contributing funds to 17th District Victory Fund "that were solely intended to benefit the election of a federal candidate, Congressman Lane Evans." (Complaint Part Three B.) This allegation, which is entirely unsupported by evidence, is false and the complaint as to Mr. Muller and Ms. MacArthur should be dismissed.

Mr. Muller and Ms. MacArthur, who are husband and wife, made a total of three contributions to the 17th District Victory Fund: \$5,000 by check dated June 5, 1998 (No. 814); \$10,000 by check dated October 8, 1998 (no. 912); and \$30,000 by check dated October 21, 1998 (no. 928). The contributions were not earmarked or designated in any way for Congressman Evans or the Evans Campaign. To the contrary, in each instance, the contribution consisted of non-federal funds (see notations on each of the attached checks). As far as Mr. Muller and Ms. MacArthur are aware, the funds were lawfully used by the 17th District Victory Fund.

Mr. Muller and Ms. MacArthur believe that they have complied with all existing campaign laws and request that the complaint as to these contributions be dismissed with no further Commission action.

Very truly yours,

Leslie B. Kiernan

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Counsel to Robert Muller and Solange MacArthur

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SOLANGE D. MACARTHUR, M.D.
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17th District Victory Fund

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